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RENEW your subscription *at once*.

REMEMBER our watchword for 1896—
3000 subscribers.

WE still have on hand about 200 Almanacs. Send ten cents for a copy, or \$1.00 for a dozen copies.

THE Children's Department is found on page 14 this week. The contributions crowded it out of its usual place on page 7.

THE subscription list is growing, but slowly. We are on the way to 3000. Keep "at it." Let us not relax our energies until we have reached the number.

WE regret very much that we are unable to fill all orders for quarterlies. We could have sold at least 500 more copies, had not the edition run out. As stated before, the first quarter of 1895 left us 1500 copies on hand. We printed the same number for this quarter, as for the first quarter of last year, now we lack 500 of having enough. This means that the demand for the first quarter of 1896 was larger by 2000, than for the first quarter of 1895. We are glad to note this growth but exceedingly sorry for not being able to meet the demand.

REMEMBER this: Contributors on the Passover, whatever view of the subject they may take, are not arguing against a "full meal" for the Lord's Supper. On this they are united. The nature and time of our Lord's last Passover, are the points of controversy. Let the truth be known.

DO NOT get excited or "scared," because the "Passover Question," appears again in these columns. Brother P. J. Brown, in this issue, argues the "dual" idea of the Passover. Next week will appear an article on the subject by brother I. D. Bowman, who argues the commonly accepted Brethren view of the question. Now brethren be careful. Avoid all personality, and remember that mere *assertions* amount to nothing; it is *argument*, based on Scripture, that counts. If you cannot furnish that, say nothing. It is the truth we seek.

FOR some time we have been constantly keeping before our readers the 3000 mark. Now we do not wish to weary our readers with this oft repeated statement that we want 3000 subscribers for 1896, but we feel that we can conscientiously urge upon every member of the Brethren church, the importance of lending a helping hand in attaining this much desired result. You can engage in no more profitable service for the Master, than in extending the circulation of your church paper.

ONE who is optimistically inclined can find large encouragement in the many munificent gifts made for educational and other purposes during the year 1895. The gifts and bequests to colleges and schools alone amount to above \$12,000,000. This is but a small amount compared with the gifts, bequests, donations, for religious purposes in the United States. The churches of New York City spent more than \$5,000,000 during the year 1895 for charitable purposes. The work of Christ is moving forward.

THE article by Brother Bowman on "Trine Immersion," in this issue will be appreciated by our readers. It is argumentative, and yet in plain and simple language so as to be easily understood.

THE announcement of a new book, "A Parable of Horrors," by brother B. C. Moomaw, will appear in a few weeks. Those who know Brother Moomaw as a writer, will want this book. Written in attractive style, and telling a wonderful story, we bespeak for it a large sale. Full particulars will appear later. The price has not yet been fixed, but will likely be 15 cents. Our young people who desire to earn a little money should send in their names, and apply for full outfit.

IN sending several renewals to the EVANGELIST, brother A. R. Bemenderfer, says: "The EVANGELIST gets better every week. Hope we can reach the 3000. Every member of the church should have it. I have it in most every family in my congregation. S. S., K. C., S. S. C. E., and church services moving along nicely."

Certainly, all "church services" move along nicely where a pastor works the church paper into every home. Many thanks, brother, we appreciate your words. They help us more than 10000 grumblers and fault finders.

IN a personal letter, a very hard working and successful pastor, writes: "Since June 1, 1895, I have held 200 services, an average of thirty per month. During my three years pastorate 130 have been added to the congregations in my charge, and they are *Brethren*."

This means that the brother has applied himself very closely and has preached the *pure, unadulterated Gospel*, to his people. Let pastors not fail to declare the whole counsel of God, and success is sure to follow. A false liberalism which says that it matters not what a man believes, never wins.

KEEP the 3,000 mark in view.